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**Excise Police Cites Four Richmond Bars**

**RICHMOND, Ind. (June 19)** – Indiana State Excise Police cited four Richmond bars on a variety of charges today.

After receiving several reports from the Richmond Police Department, excise police issued eight notices of violation and one notice of warning to four bars earlier today.

Walker's Nightclub, 1117 E. Main Street, was issued two notices of violation as a result of incidents on Jan. 1 and May 27. The bar is alleged to have allowed in an 18-year-old female on Jan. 1 and a 19-year-old female on May 27.

Main Street Bar & Grill, 1029 E. Main Street, was issued three notices of violation as a result of incidents on April 14, April 29 and June 13. A female was allegedly found dancing in a state of nudity on April 14. The bar is alleged to have allowed in a 19-year-old male on April 29. On June 13, the bar is alleged to have allowed in and served alcoholic beverages to a 20-year-old male.

Knuckleheads Pub & Grub, 1032 E. Main Street, was issued a notice of violation for allegedly allowing in a 19-year-old male on April 28.

E Street Pub, 815 N. E Street, was issued two notices of violation and a notice of warning as a result of incidents on Feb. 4, April 6 and June 7. E Street Pub is alleged to have allowed in an 18-year-old female on Feb. 4. On April 6, the bar allegedly allowed in an 18-year-old male. A warning was issued for an incident on June 7, during which a 19-year-old male used his brother's ID to enter to bar.

All eight administrative-law violations will be forwarded to the Alcohol & Tobacco Commission's prosecutor for review. Violations may result in a fine, suspension of the alcoholic beverage permit or, in certain circumstances, revocation of the permit.

"The state excise police will continue to investigate complaints on permit locations from Richmond PD and other law enforcement agencies in order to ensure that alcoholic beverages are not accessible to underage persons," Superintendent Matt Strittmatter said. "The permit holders have a responsibility by law to ensure that persons entering bars, taverns and package stores are at least 21 years of age."

Richmond Police Department officers assisted excise police in these investigations.

*All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.*